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Attorney Docket No. 99365CON

First Inventor Todd W. Antrim

Title METHOD FOR PROVIDING...

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 17]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
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4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 2]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 6]
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Copy of parent Assignment Papers
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) Power of Attorney copy of English Translation Document (if applicable) copy of Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1499 Copies of IDS Citations
11.
12. Preliminary Amendment
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16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent
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of prior application No. 09/454,848.....

Prior application information:

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Art Unit: 2643

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Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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1001	750	2001	375
1002	330	2002	165
1003	520	2003	260
1004	750	2004	375
1005	160	2005	80
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
20	-20** = 0	x 0	= 0-
2	-3** = 0	x 0	= 0-
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1202	18	2202 9 Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201 42 Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203 140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204 42 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor	Todd W. Antrim
Title	METHOD FOR PROVIDING TELEPHONE...
Attorney Docket Number	99365CON

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Antrim et al.)
Serial No.:) **Examiner:**
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Filing Date:) **Art Unit:**
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Title: METHOD FOR PROVIDING TELEPHONE SERVICES FOR COMMERCIAL CLASSES OF SERVICES

COMMUNICATION WITH CONTINUING APPLICATION

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

September 12, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is being submitted with the above-captioned application (hereinafter, the "subject application"), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/454,848, filed December 7, 1999 (the "parent application").

The subject application is being filed with a new specification, in accordance with 1251 *Off. Gaz. Pat. Office* 54 (Oct. 9, 2001). The new specification includes an updated "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" section that reflects the priority claim of the subject application. In addition, the subject application includes a replacement set of claims (claims 1-20). Claims 1-5 of the subject application match claims 1-5 in the parent application that were rejected in an Office Action mailed July 28, 2003 in connection with the parent application. In addition, the "BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION" section of the subject

application, and in particular paragraph [005] of the subject application, has been amended to reflect the wording of claim 1 of the subject application.

Applicants are also concurrently filing an Information Disclosure Statement listing all the references cited during prosecution of the parent application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) copies of the references are not enclosed, although Applicants will be happy to provide them upon request.

Additionally, Applicants provide the following Remarks regarding the patentability of the pending claims of the application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 of the subject application match claims 1-5 of the parent application as amended and as rejected in the Office Action mailed July 28, 2003 in connection with the parent application. In that Office Action, claims 1 and 2 were rejected as being obvious over U.S. Patent 5,771,279 to Cheston, III et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,061,439 to Bleile et al.; claims 3-5 were rejected as being obvious over Cheston in view of Bleile and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,243,373 to Turock; and claim 1 was rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,539 to Wilkes. As set forth below, Applicants submit that claims 1-5 are not anticipated or obvious in view of the cited references.

A. Claims 1 and 2 are not obvious over Cheston in view of Bleile.

1. Cheston and Bleile fail to teach or suggest all of the elements of claim 1.

A *prima facie* case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) requires, among other things, that the cited references, when combined, teach or suggest every element of the claim. *See* MPEP §2142. Applicants submit that the Office has not established a *prima facie* case of

obviousness with respect to claim 1 because not all of the elements of claim 1 are taught or suggested by Cheston and Bleile, taken alone or in combination. In particular, Applicants submit that Cheston and Bleile, taken along or in combination, fail to teach or suggest “providing telecommunications dialing features *for commercial classes of dedicated telephone service...*,” as recited in claim 1, among other things.

First, consider the Cheston reference. Although the Cheston reference discloses both commercial and residential customer premises equipment (“CPE”) in communication with an advanced intelligent network (“AIN”), nowhere does Cheston disclose that the AIN communicates with the commercial CPE via “commercial classes of dedicated telephone service,” as recited in claim 1. To the contrary, although the Cheston reference discloses some dedicated telephone communication channels (such as ISDN and T-1 lines) between components of the disclosed network, Applicants submit that the Cheston reference does not teach or even suggest a commercial class dedicated telephone communication channel for a terminating piece of CPE for providing enhanced dialing features.

The portions of the Cheston specification cited in the Office Action for the proposition that the Cheston reference teaches or suggests this feature, namely col. 2, lines 30-34 and lines 44-48, fails to provide the basis for teaching or suggesting the features of claim 1 described above. The text at col. 2, lines 30-34, merely states that similar to a business setting, residential CPE may be connected to a local area network (“LAN”) and that, therefore, both residential and business CPE have taken on the attributes of a network unto themselves. At col. 2, lines 44-48, the text of the Cheston reference merely discloses that some CPEs can control calling features internally. These portions of the Cheston specification, however, merely disclose that there may exist both residential and business CPEs and that some CPEs can control calling features

internally. Applicants submit, however, that the Cheston reference does not teach or suggest providing enhanced telecommunications dialing features *for commercial classes of dedicated telephone service*, as recited in the invention of claim 1.

The Bleile reference also fails to teach or suggest this feature of claim 1 (and, as a secondary reference, the Office does not rely on it as suggesting the feature).

Therefore, the combination of the Cheston and Bleile fails to teach or suggest, “providing enhanced telecommunications dialing features for commercial classes of dedicated telephone service,” as recited in claim 1.

2. The Office impermissibly relies on hindsight rationale in combining the Cheston and Bleile references.

Even if the combination Cheston and Bleile were to teach or suggest every element of claim 1, without a motivation or suggestion to combine the cited references, a rejection based on obviousness under § 103(a) is improper. *See MPEP §2142.* Possible sources for the motivation to combine references include: (1) the nature of the problem to be solved, (2) the teachings of the prior art, and (3) the knowledge of persons of ordinary skill in the art. In order to safeguard against the use of hindsight based on Applicants’ disclosure, however, the Office must show a motivation to combine the cited references to support a determination of obviousness. In other words, the Office must present a convincing line of reasoning as to why a person of ordinary skill in the art, confronted with the same problem as the Applicants and without knowledge of the claimed invention, would pick and choose various elements from the cited references and combine them in such a way as to arrive at Applicants’ claimed invention.

In the obviousness rejection of claim 1, however, the Office Action is completely devoid of any possible sources that may give rise to the necessary motivation to make the alleged combination of the cited references so as to arrive at the invention of claim 1. It is unclear upon

what basis the Office relies to conclude that there was any motivation to combine the cited references to arrive at Applicants' invention. It is not apparent from the Office Action as to whether the Office relies on the nature of the problem to be solved, the teachings of the prior art or the knowledge of persons of ordinary skill in the art to conclude that there is proper motivation to make the alleged combination. The Office merely states, "it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the teaching of Bleile et al of providing dialing features from central office of the conventional PSTN services and applied into the commercial service of Cheston, III et al in order to broaden services to different network environment." No other reason was given by the Office in support of its conclusion that claim 1 was obvious.

In that connection, the Office gave no explanation as to the specific understanding or principle presumably within the grasp or knowledge of a person having ordinary skill in art that would motivate one without having specific knowledge of Appellant's invention to make the alleged combination. Therefore, one can reasonably infer that, absent such explanation, the Office selected the cited references with the assistance of hindsight. Resorting to the use of hindsight is not permissible to make out a case of obviousness when lacking a motivation to combine the cited references. Without the necessary motivation or suggestion to combine, the Office has failed to establish that claim 1 is obvious over the cited references.

Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 1 is not obvious over Cheston and Bleile. In addition, by virtue of their dependence upon claim 1, Applicants submit that claims 2-5 are also not obvious over the references cited in the Office Action.

B. Claim 1 is not Anticipated by Wilkes

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found,

either expressly or inherently, in the prior art reference. *See* MPEP § 2131. Applicants submit that Wilkes does not disclose, among other things, “providing *enhanced* telecommunications dialing features,” where the features are provided “at the central office,” as recited in claim 1. Rather, Wilkes merely discloses dialing an abbreviated extension to place a call to other stations within a group of telephone lines. *See* Wilkes, col. 1: 10-15 and col. 7: 34-49. Applicants submit that Wilkes does not disclose the provision of *enhanced* dialing features such as, for example, call tracing, call waiting, repeat calling, speed dialing and return calling. Therefore, Applicants submit that Wilkes does not anticipate claim 1.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for the pending claims in this application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that the instant application is in condition for disposition other than allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number listed below in order that the Examiner’s concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

Respectfully submitted,



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